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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- (Previously Presented) A photochromic lens substrate, which comprises a cured product of a polymerization curable composition comprising:
- (I) a polyfunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (1):

$$R^{3} \left\{ O \left(R^{2} \right)_{a}^{O} C C = CH_{2} \right\}_{b} (1)$$

wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom or methyl group, the group -R²- is -CH₂CH₂O₋, -CH₂CH(CH₃)O- or -C(=0)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂O₋, R³ is a trivalent to hexafunctional organic residue, a is an integer of 0 to 3 and b is an integer of 3 to 6;

(II) a bifunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (2):

wherein R^4 and R^5 are each independently a hydrogen atom or methyl group, R^6 and R^7 are each independently a hydrogen atom or alkyl group having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, the group -X- is -O-, -S-, -S(-O)₂-, -C(-O)--O-, $-CH_2$ -, -CH=-CH- or -C(-C(-C)₂-, and -C0 and -C1 and -C2 are also at -C3 and -C4 and -C5 are also at -C5 and -C5 are also at -C5 and -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are also at -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are also at -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are also at -C6 are also at -C6 and -C6 are als

- (III) other polymerizable monomer different than the above polymerizable monomers (I) and (II);
- (IV) a photochromic compound; and

(V) a thermal polymerization initiator, wherein

the amounts of the polyfunctional polymerizable monomer (I), the bifunctional

polymerizable monomer (II) and the other polymerizable monomer (III) are 1 to 15 wt%, 10 to

80 wt% and 5 to 89 wt% based on the total of all the polymerizable monomers, respectively, the

fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the cured product is 30 times or

less shorter than the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the

polymerization curable composition, and said cured product has a tensile strength of 20 Kgf or

more.

2. (Original) The lens substrate according to claim 1, wherein the bifunctional

polymerizable monomer (II) is a combination of a first bifunctional polymerizable monomer of

the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 0 to 5 and a second bifunctional polymerizable

monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 6 to 30, and the molar amount of the

second bifunctional polymerizable monomer is 3 times or less larger than that of the first

bifunctional polymerizable monomer.

3. (Cancelled)

(Previously Presented) A photochromic lens substrate composed of a cured

product of a polymerization curable composition comprising:

a polyfunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (1): (I)

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$$R^{3} \left\{ O \left\{ R^{2} \right\}_{a}^{O} C \left\{ C \right\}_{b}^{O} \left\{ C \right\}_{b}^{O} \right\}$$

wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom or methyl group, the group $-R^2$ - is $-CH_2CH_2O$ -, $-CH_2CH(CH_3)O$ or $-C(=O)CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2O$ -, R^3 is a trivalent to hexafunctional organic residue, a is an
integer of 0 to 3 and b is an integer of 3 to 6;

(II) a bifunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (2):

wherein R^4 and R^5 are each independently a hydrogen atom or methyl group, R^6 and R^7 are each independently a hydrogen atom or alkyl group having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, the group -X- is -O-, -S-, -S(=O)₂-, -C(=O)-O-, $-CH_2$ -, -CH=CH- or -C(CH_3)₂-, and m and n satisfy (m + n) = 0 to 30; (III) other polymerizable monomer different from the above polymerizable monomers (I) and (II);

- (IV) a photochromic compound; and
- (V) a photopolymerization initiator, wherein

the amounts of the polyfunctional polymerizable monomer (I), the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (II) and the other polymerizable monomer (III) are 1 to 60 wt%, 10 to 90 wt% and 0 to 89 wt% based on the total of all the polymerizable monomers, respectively, the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the cured product is 30 times or

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less shorter than the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the polymerization curable composition, and said cured product has a tensile strength of 20 Kgf or more.

- 5. (Original) The lens substrate according to claim 4, wherein the polymerization curable composition further comprises at least one oligomer selected from the group consisting of bifunctional to hexafunctional polymerizable urethane oligomers and bifunctional to hexafunctional polyester oligomers.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A polymerization curable composition for a photochromic lens substrate, the polymerization curable composition comprising:
- (I) a polyfunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (1):

$$R^{3} \left\{ O \left(R^{2} \right) \right\}_{a}^{0} C \left(C \right) = CH_{2}$$

wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom or methyl group, the group -R² - is -CH₂CH₂O-, -CH₂CH(CH₃)Oor -C(=O)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂O-, R³ is a trivalent to hexafunctional organic residue, a is an integer of 0 to 3 and b is an integer of 3 to 6;

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(II) a bifunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (2):

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$$H_{2}C = O - C - O + CHCH_{2}O + CHCH_{2$$

wherein R^4 and R^5 are each independently a hydrogen atom or methyl group, R^6 and R^7 are each independently a hydrogen atom or alkyl group having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, the group -X- is -O-, -S-, -S(=O)₂-, -C(=O)-O-, -CH₂-, -CH=CH- or -C(CH₃)₂-, and m and n satisfy (m + n) = 0 to 30; (III) other polymerizable monomer different from the above polymerizable monomers (I) and (II);

- (IV) a photochromic compound; and
- (V) a thermopolymerization initiator, wherein

the amounts of the polyfunctional polymerizable monomer (II), the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (II) and the other polymerizable monomer (III) are 1 to 15 wt%, 10 to 80 wt% and 5 to 89 wt% based on the total of all the polymerizable monomers, respectively, the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the cured product is 30 times or less shorter than the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the polymerization curable composition, and a cured product of said polymerization curable composition has a tensile strength of 20 Kgf or more.

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7. (Original) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the amounts of the polyfunctional polymerizable monomer (II), the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (III) and the other polymerizable monomer (III) are 3 to 10 wt%, 20 to 60 wt% and 30 to 77 wt%,

respectively.

- 8. (Original) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (II) is a combination of a first bifunctional polymerizable monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 0 to 5 and a second bifunctional polymerizable monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 6 to 30, and the molar amount of the second bifunctional polymerizable monomer is 3 times or less larger than that of the first bifunctional polymerizable monomer.
- (Previously Presented) A polymerization curable composition for a photochromic lens substrate, the polymerization curable composition comprising;
- (I) a polyfunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (1):

$$R^{3} \left\{ O \left(R^{2} \right) \middle| \begin{matrix} O \\ R^{2} \\ a \end{matrix} C \left(C - C - C + C \right) \middle| b \right\}$$
 (1)

wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom or methyl group, the group -R²- is -CH₂CH₂O-, -CH₂CH(CH₃)O- or -C(=0)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂O-, R³ is a trivalent to hexafunctional organic residue, a is an integer of 0 to 3 and b is an integer of 3 to 6;

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(II) a bifunctional polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (2):

wherein R^4 and R^5 are each independently a hydrogen atom or methyl group, R^6 and R^7 are each independently a hydrogen atom or alkyl group having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, the group -X- is -O-, -S-, -S(=O)₂-, -C(=O)-O-, -CH₂-, -CH=-CH- or -C(-CH₃)₂-, and m and n satisfy (m + n) = 0 to 30; (III) optionally, other polymerizable monomer different from the above polymerizable monomers (I) and (III);

- (IV) a photochromic compound; and
- (V) a photopolymerization initiator, wherein

the amounts of the polyfunctional polymerizable monomer (II) are 1 to 60 wt%, 10 to 90 wt% and 0 to 89 wt% based on the total of all the polymerizable monomers, respectively, the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the cured product is 30 times or less shorter than the fading half-life period of the photochromic compound (IV) in the polymerization curable composition, and a cured product of said polymerization curable composition has a tensile strength of 20 Kgf or more.

(Original) The composition according to claim 9, wherein the amounts of the
polyfunctional polymerizable monomer (I), the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (II) and the

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other polymerizable monomer (III) are 10 to 60 wt%, 20 to 90 wt% and 0 to 70 wt%, respectively.

- 11. (Original) The composition according to claim 9, wherein the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (II) is a combination of a first bifunctional polymerizable monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 0 to 5 and a second bifunctional polymerizable monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 6 to 30, and the molar amount of the second bifunctional polymerizable monomer is 3 times or less larger than that of the first bifunctional polymerizable monomer.
- 12. (Original) A photochromic lens which comprises the photochromic lens substrate of claim 1, a hard coat layer and a buffer layer, said buffer layer being interposed between the hard coat layer and the substrate and having lower pencil hardness than the hard coat layer, for bonding the substrate to the hard coat layer.

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13. (Previously Presented) The lens substrate according to claim 4, wherein the bifunctional polymerizable monomer (II) is a combination of a first bifunctional polymerizable monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 0 to 5 and a second bifunctional polymerizable monomer of the above formula (2) in which (m + n) is 6 to 30, and the molar amount of the second bifunctional polymerizable monomer is 3 times or less larger than that of the first bifunctional polymerizable monomer.

- 14. (Previously Presented) A photochromic lens comprising the photochromic lens substrate of claim 4, a hard coat layer and a buffer layer, interposed between the hard coat layer and the substrate and having lower pencil hardness than the hard coat layer, for bonding the substrate to the hard coat layer.
- 15. (New) The photochromic lens substrate of claim 1, wherein the polyfunctional polymerizable monomer represented by formula (1) is at least one selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate, trimethylolpropane triacrylate, tetramethylolmethane triacrylate, tetramethylolmethane triacrylate, tetramethylolmethane tetramethylolpropane triethylene glycol trimethacrylate, trimethylolpropane triethylene glycol trimethacrylate, trimethylolpropane triethylene glycol triacrylate, ethoxylated pentaerythritol tetramethacrylate, pentaerythritol trimethacrylate, pentaerythritol tetramethacrylate, caprolactam modified ditrimethylolpropane tetrametylate, caprolactam modified ditrimethylolpropane tetramethacrylate and caprolactam modified

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dipentaerythritol hexacrylate, and wherein the bifunctional polymerizable monomer represented by formula (2) is at least one selected from the group consisting of:

- 2,2-bis[4-(methacryloyloxypolyethoxy)phenyl]propane,
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- 2,2-bis[4-acryloyloxypolyethoxy]phenyl]propane,
- 2,2-bis[4-methacryloyloxypolypropoxy]phenyl]propane,
- 2,2-bis[4-methacryloyloxypolypropoxy]phenyl]propane,

 $bis [\hbox{$4$-methacryloyloxypolyethoxy}] phenyl] methane, and$

bis[4-methacryloyloxypolyethoxy]phenyl]sulfone.